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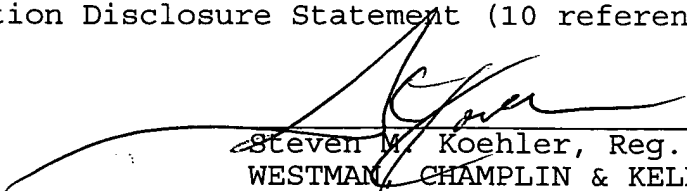
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6. Copy of specification and drawings as originally filed
7. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
8. International Preliminary Examination Report
9. International Search Report issued by EPO
10. Abstract typed on a separate page
11. Information Disclosure Statement (10 references)

  
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FOLDABLE BAG AND COMBINATION OF A CONTAINER AND A BAG AND METHOD FOR THE USE OF THIS COMBINATION

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (12) indicated below.
  4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
  5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
    - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
  6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
    - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
    - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
    - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
    - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
  8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendment to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
  9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
  10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
- Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and .198.
  12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
  13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
  14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
  15. ☒ A substitute specification.
  16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
  17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
  18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  20. ☒ Other items or information:
    - a. ☒ Copy of Search Report.
    - b. ☒ Abstract typed on a separate page.
    - c. ☒ 4 sheets of drawings.
    - d. ☒ International Preliminary Examination Report.
    - e. ☒ 10 references

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO.<br><b>10/565033</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/NL2003/000533                            |            | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>S142.12-0001 |                 |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                                                                               |            | Applicant Use                            | Office Use Only |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic National Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              | \$300.00                                                                      | \$300.00   |                                          |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              | \$200.00                                                                      | \$200.00   |                                          |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              | \$500.00                                                                      | \$500.00   |                                          |                 |
| Total of Above Calculations=                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |                                                                               | \$1000.00  |                                          |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. |              |                                                                               |            |                                          |                 |
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| CLAIMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA                                                                  | RATE       |                                          |                 |
| Total claims                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 - 20 =    | 0                                                                             | X \$50.00  | \$0.00                                   |                 |
| Independent claims                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 - 3 =      | 0                                                                             | X \$200.00 | \$0.00                                   |                 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.                                                                                                                                    |              |                                                                               |            | \$-500.00                                |                 |
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| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.                                                                                                    |              |                                                                               |            | \$0.00                                   |                 |
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- a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1123 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d. ☒ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (1.37(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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